

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/677,784

Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the response filed on 7/31/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8,10,14-32 and 34.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-8, 10, 14-32, and 34 (renumbered as claims 1-29, respectively) are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1-8, 10, and 14-21 are allowed because the closest prior art, Kim et al. (WO 03/024071), either singularly or in combination, fails to anticipate or render obvious a method for use of local loop telephone lines wherein a telephone company switch resides at a telephone company central office, wherein the telephone company switch provides connectivity with a transport network, comprising: at the telephone company central office, interfacing each of the local loop telephone lines with a respective wireless transceiver between the telephone company switch and the customer premises to which the local loop telephone line extends, in combination with all other limitations in the claim(s) as defined by applicant.

Claims 22-27 are allowed because the closest prior art, Kim et al. (WO 03/024071) in view of Wu et al. (Pub. No.: US 2003/0035525), either singularly or in combination, fails to anticipate or render obvious a method in a system comprising a first telecommunications company that operates a central office including a switch for communicatively connecting local loop telephone lines with a transport network, the method comprising: providing multiple wireless communication devices at the first telecommunications company's central office, and interfacing the multiple wireless communication devices with the local loop telephone lines at the first telecommunications company's central office, in combination with all other limitations in the claim(s) as defined by applicant.

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Claims 28-32 and 34 are allowed because the closest prior art, Kim et al. (WO 03/024071), either singularly or in combination, fails to anticipate or render obvious a system comprising the telephone line interface, the RAN interface, and the call-interface logic cooperatively located at a telephone company central office, and wherein the telephone company central office further includes a switch operable to provide connectivity with the transport network, in combination with all other limitations in the claim(s) as defined by applicant.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Marivelisse Santiago-Cordero whose telephone number is (571) 272-7839. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Trost can be reached on (571) 272-7872. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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